

**Watton Twinning Association**  
**Chairman's Report March 2017**

This has been a very busy year and although we were unable to take part in the Carnival, which is normally our biggest fund raising event, we more than made up for it by having a stall at the Town Council's wonderful Firework event, by having our 2<sup>nd</sup> very successful Oktoberfest at the Saham Bell and having a Tombola stall at Attleborough Christmas Market.

Plans for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trip to Weeze have taken quite some time to arrange between us and the Phoenix Pipe Band but all has come together nicely now and we are all really looking forward to it now.

I would like to say a huge **Thank You** to our Town Mayor Beryl Bunning and Watton Town Council for all their support and especially for the very generous grant of £500 which has enabled us to buy another 6ft folding table for our Twinning functions and also to help a little towards our 30 year celebrations in Weeze.

**Functions we have had during the past year were:**

**May: Weeze to Watton Twinning Trip.** This was a very successful trip for our visitors starting with a lovely Welcome meeting put on by Watton Town Council on the Saturday morning.

Sunday, Tea/Coffee & Cake at College Farm with a lovely selection of cakes at a lovely venue and the chance to look around the beautiful old house, Open House in the evening.

Monday Coach Trip Day Out to Thursford Museum and then on to the seaside at Cromer. I think by the comments that I received our visitors were totally overwhelmed by Thursford. I thought some may have seen it before with their families but apparently they hadn't which was a bonus.

**July:** Cream Tea & Quiz, well attended and enjoyed by all

**October:** Oktoberfest at The Bell Saham Toney. A brilliant event and bigger fundraiser than last year as landlady Cindy ran the raffle for the whole week prior to the start of the event on the Friday evening. Saturday the place was absolutely packed and had such a lovely atmosphere with German food and Music. Event will be held again this year.

**October:** Town Council put on a brilliant Firework Display Evening and Twinning had a Tombola table

**January:** New Year get-together at our home, members brought a plate of food, a very well attended evening.

**February:** Anniversary Meal at The Bell Saham Toney, lovely meal at a very reasonable price, 23 members attended, a nice friendly, chatty evening was enjoyed by all.

**March:** AGM in Pentecostal Church Dereham Road.

**Many thanks to my Committee and everyone who helped make these occasions successful.**

We are now looking forward and making plans for several events during the course of 2017/18

**June:-** Watton to Weeze 30<sup>th</sup> Twinning Anniversary Visit, 38 travelling by coach/boat and cars.

**July:** Cream Tea & Quiz.

**Sept:-** Carnival???

**Oct:-** Council Fireworks Evening & Oktoberfest

**Jan: 2017 -** New Year Get-together.

**Feb:** Anniversary Meal. Suggestions that we try The Golden Dog at Shipdham or the new Kings Arms in Watton.

**March:** AGM

**This concludes my report for this year.**

Margaret Devine (Chairman)